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1. Road to Mamadysh - Same as Point 1 on overlay (page 4).

50X1 2. Street - Eight meters wide, asphalt driveway, dirt sidewalks. The street
50X1 later led to the city, west of the airfield.
50X1 the street surface was dirt further south.

50X1 3. Caserne Area - Size unknown. From the
50X1 north the casernes were fenced off with barbed wire (continuation of
50X1 the airfield fence). from the west the area was
50X1 enclosed with a wall, details unknown. There was an iron gate on
50X1 the western side. One rifle armed soldier (uniform unknown) was
50X1 stationed in a guard shack at the entrance. three
50X1 rows of buildings; each row consisted of approximately five buildings,
50X1 red brick 40m x 20m x 20m, three-storied, sheet metal gabled roofs.
50X1 buildings were of old construction. in 1950
50X1 approximately 50 Air Force uniformed soldiers doing
50X1 calisthenics in this area. all buildings were
occupied.

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4. Hangar - Approximately 50m x 30m x 15-20m, type of construction not recalled.

50X1 the doors to the hangar were always open.

5. Building - Built very close to the hangar. Dimensions not recalled. The building appeared to be a permanent structure. A rotating beacon was situated on top of it. the beam when passing the airfield at night. One night in 1950 the beam was pointed straight up and was motionless. It was snowing slightly and the sound of an aircraft in the air. No further information; there were other smaller unidentified buildings in the area

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6. Aircraft Parking Area - Grass surfaced, dimensions not recalled. There were six twin-engined aircraft parked here in 1950. these were British aircraft given to the Soviets during World War II. The aircraft were painted dark green and faced to the west. the fuselages of these aircraft were peculiar, having sort of a "square" appearance instead of round. No aircraft insignia were noticed.

7. Aircraft Parking Area - Grass surfaced. approximately 10 conventional fighter aircraft, identified as LA-7's painted dark green, faced to the west. No further information.

8. Aircraft Parking Area - Concrete surfaced, dimensions unknown. multi-engine aircraft parked here. On the average (1950-1951) three or four four-engine planes and 12 to 14 twin-engine planes occupied the area. The four-engine planes were identified as TU-4's having tricycle landing gears. These aircraft were silvery and were fastened to the ground by cables under the wings. The twin-engine aircraft were identified as PE-2's, some silvery, some dark green. All aircraft faced to the west. No aircraft insignia were noticed. There were single-engine aircraft identified as U-2's parked in all of the above mentioned parking areas and also in the vicinity of the hangar.

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9. Possible Runway - a runway was built in this vicinity, a twin-engine aircraft, identified as PE-2, taking off in an easterly direction.

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10. Runway - Length unknown. Surface was believed to be asphalt. Runway lights were observed but the type and spacing was unknown. Once in 1950 a U-2 type aircraft making a landing to the southeast. the runway lights on one or two occasions. the lights were red. The runway started approximately 100 m. from the road (Point 1).

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11. Fuel Dump - An area fenced off with barbed wire, dimensions unknown. Approximately 10 barrels (100 liters each) were observed in the area.

50X1 most of the time the barrels were empty. There were three tank trucks (ZIS-5, 3-ton) parked here. A dirt road led to the enclosure. trucks crossing the southern portion of the field.

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General Information:

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The field measured approx. 1.5 - 2 km eastwest, 1 - 1.5 km northsouth. A barbed wire fence 2 m high extended along the road pt. 1. No guards were seen. The airfield could be extended to south and southeast.

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A ravine, 40m deep, bordered the airfield to the east.

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the main entrance to the airfield was somewhere south of caserne complex (Point 3). The airfield was cleared of snow in the winter as

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huge piles of snow stacked up west of the runway (Point 10) which was always kept free of snow.

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50X1 on snow clearing. Fog occurred very seldom. There were heavy rains
in the autumn.

50X1 [redacted] there were airplanes
50X1 in the air, including TU-4's which always flew singly; PE-2's which
50X1 flew singly, in three-ship V formations, and occasionally in nine-
50X1 ship three-element V-formations; and most often U-2's flying singly
and in pairs. [redacted]

50X1 [redacted] The aircraft flew at various altitudes. There were always
50X1 mechanics working on the aircraft in the parking areas.

50X1 [redacted] during the summer months two tents were pitched
50X1 about 10-15 meters north of the road (Point 1). About 20 Air Force
50X1 soldiers lived there. The purpose of this installation was unknown

50X1 [redacted] There was no equipment in the vicinity of the tents.
50X1 [redacted] a soldier dressed in a black uniform
50X1 fire two flares in the air. at the airfield when an airplane was
circling the airfield. The color of the flares was not remembered.

50X1 [redacted]
[redacted] The soldier who fired the flares stood near a
truck parked approximately 500 meters off the road (Point 1) somewhat
southwest of the runway (Point 10). There were no antennae on the
truck.

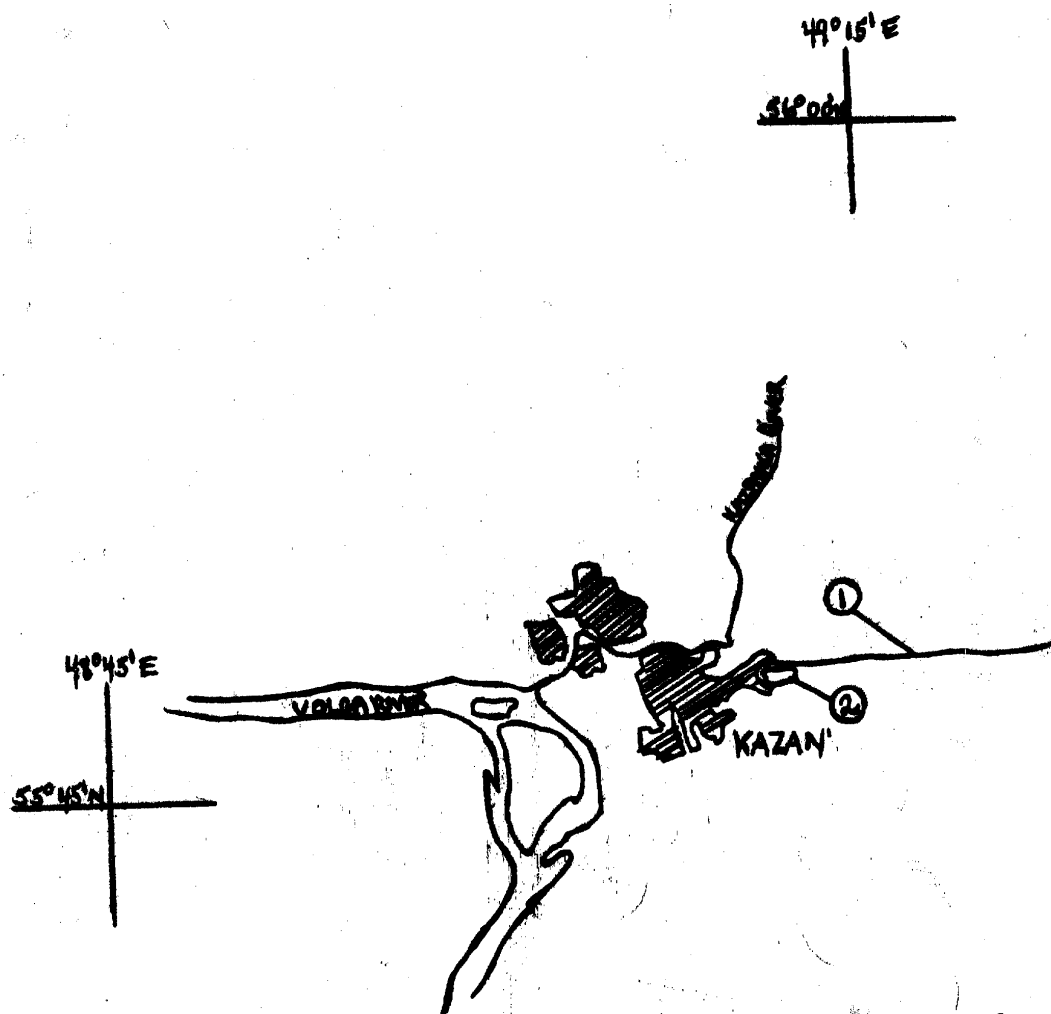
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Kazan (N 55-45, E 49-08), Scale 1:250,000.



1. Road - Six meters wide, cobblestone, flanked by ditches 0.5 m. deep. Telegraph poles extended on both sides, spacing not recalled. Approximately eight wires were on each side. The road led to Mamadysh (N 55-42, E 51-25). Traffic amounted to 20 vehicles per day in both directions. The road was completely impassable for trucks from December through May. observations of the airfield from this road.

2. Kazan Airfield

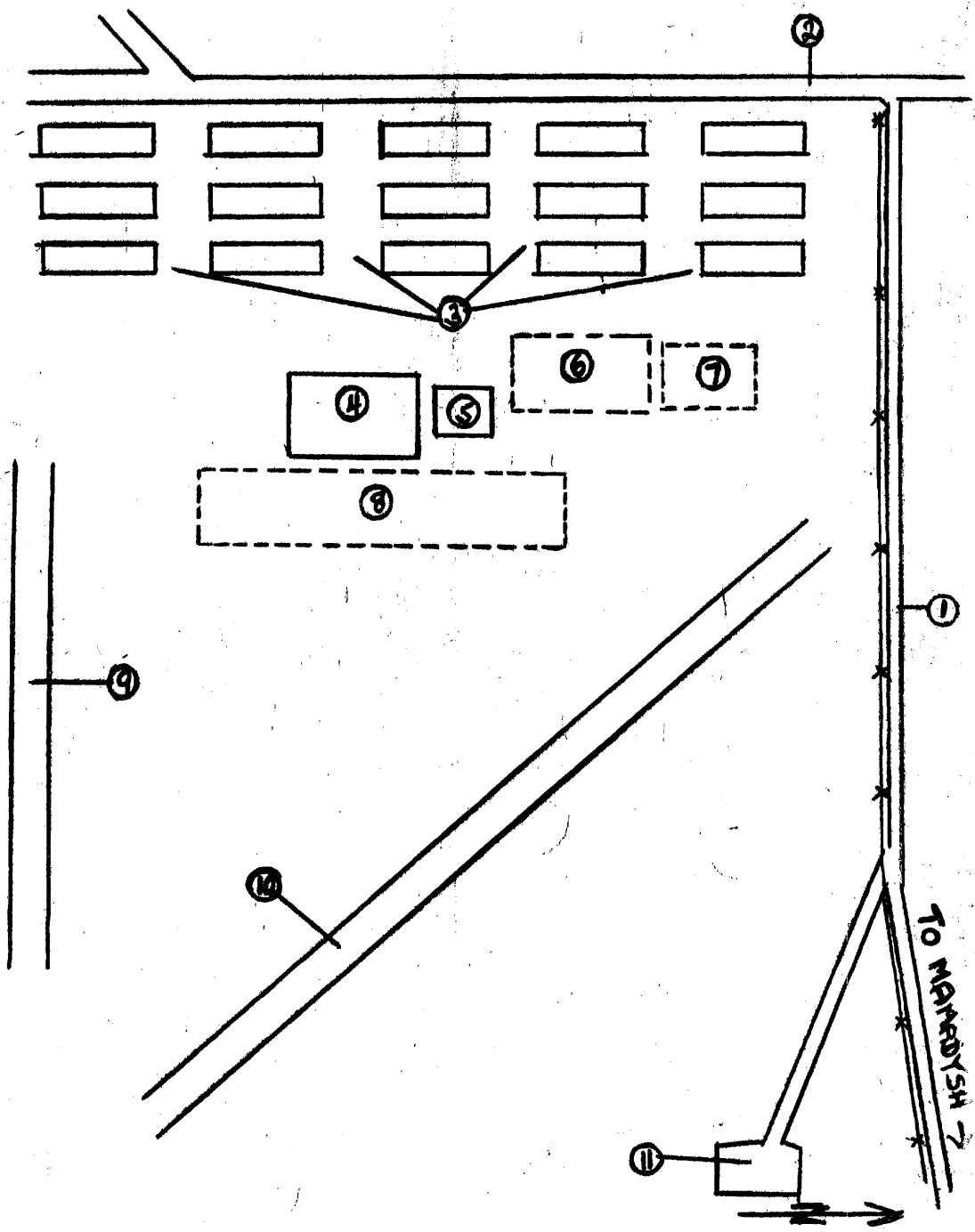
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Sketch of Kazan Airfield



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